A.—Sri R. DAYANAND SAGAR (Deputy Minister for Sericulture).—

(*a*) to (*d*) A statement giving the information is appended.

Basic Seed Farm near Doddaballapur.

Q.—174. Sri C. R. RANGE GOWDA (Magadi).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) whether the Sericulture Department has acquired any land for starting Basic Seed Farm near about Doddaballapur Railway Station ;

(*b*) if so, the extent of land acquired and when it was acquired and at what cost ;

(*c*) the progress made in that farm so far ;

(*d*) whether any expert's opinion was taken before acquiring the land for starting the said farm ?

A.—Sri R. DAYANAND SAGAR (Deputy Minister for Sericulture).—

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) 11 acres and 39 guntas of land was acquired during 1949-50 at a cost of Rs. 2,657.94.

(*c*) The land was subsequently found not suitable and the farm was shifted to a Government land about two miles away-where it has already started functioning.

(*d*) The land was selected by the departmental officers.

Cocoon Seeds Required annually by the State.

Q.—178. Sri C. R. RANGE GOWDA (Magadi).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) the quantity of disease-free layings (cocoon seeds) required by the States annually and the quantity that is actually produced (i) by the Department and (ii) by aided graineurs ;

(*b*) whether it has come to their notice that mulberry crops have failed in Kolar and Channapatna area in the year 1963-64 and thereby the cocoon production is affected ;

(*c*) the steps taken up by the Department to protect the crops ?

A.—Sri R. DAYANAND SAGAR (Deputy Minister for Sericulture).—

(*a*) (1) Average annual requirements of the State :

(i) Cross-breed Disease-free Layings.—725 lakhs
(ii) Foreign Race Disease-free Layings.—11.25 lakhs
(iii) Mysore Seed Disease-free Layings.—38.50 lakhs

(2) Average yearly production :—

	Cross-breed Disease-free Layings.	Foreign Race Disease-free Layings.	Mysore Disease-free Dayings.
(i) By Government Grainages.	1,18,76,000	4,88,000	40,73,000
(ii) By licensed seed preparers.	5,87,00,000	7,00,000	—

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) The following steps were taken :

(i) Supply of protected seed by Government and licensed seed preparers.

(ii) Rearers in flood affected areas were advised to stop rearing during flood seasons.

(iii) Conducting demonstrations in Chawki Rearing Centres.

Convening of Conference by the Mysore Silk Association.

Q.—179. Sri C. R. RANGE GOWDA (Magadi).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that the Mysore Silk Association have not convened any conference to ventilate their grievances and submit their proposals and recommendations to the Government for the last several years for want of encouragement by the Government ;

(*b*) whether they have applied for grant for that purpose ; and if so, why the grant is not sanctioned ?

A.—Sri K. MALLAPPA (Minister for Industries and Commerce).—

(*a*) The Mysore Silk Association do not appear to have convened any Conference for the past six years. The last Conference took place in 1958. But this cannot be said to be due to any lack of encouragement from Government.

(*b*) Yes, and it is under consideration.